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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Robert MARIANI	)	Examiner:	Ngoclan Thi Mai
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Application No.:	10/828,789	)	Group Art Unit:	1742
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Filed:	April 21, 2004	)	Confirmation No.:	5079
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Docket No.:	02104CIP (3600-419-01)	)		

For: A METHOD OF FORMING SINTERED VALVE METAL MATERIAL

**AMENDMENT**

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December 17, 2007

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. A Petition for a Three-month Extension of Time and the requisite fees are being submitted herewith, thus making this submission of the Request for Continued Examination with an Amendment proper and timely.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.